

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. Of: CRAWFORD  
Serial No.: 10/734,469  
Filed: December 12, 2003  
For: Alternative Method for Sealing All Metal Vacuum Joints  
Group Art Unit: 3679  
Examiner: A. Dunwoody DOCKET: KIMBALL.1002

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2006. The shortened statutory deadline for response is November 3, 2006 and, therefore, no extension is required. In response thereto, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this response. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this response, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 08-1391.

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**AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.

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